

Duke. Vpon mine honor thou shalt marrie her.
Thy slanders I forgiue, and therewithall
Remit thy other forfeits: take him to prison,
And see our pleasure herein executed.

Luc. Marrying a punk my Lord, is pressing to death,
Whipping and hanging.

Duke. Slandering a Prince deserues it.
She Claudio that you wrong'd, booke you restore.

Ioy to you Mariana, loue her Angelo:

I haue confes'd her, and I know her vertue:

Thanks good friend, Escalus, for thy much goodnesse,

There's more behinde that is more gratefull.
Thanks *Prouost* for thy care, and secrecie,
We shall imploy thee in a worthier place.
Forgiue him *Angelo*, that brought you home
The head of *Ragozine* for *Claudio's*,
Th'offence pardons it selfe. Deere *Isabell*,
I haue a motion much imports your good,
Whereto if you'll a willing eare incline;
What's mine is yours, and what is yours is mine.
So bring vs to our Pallace, where wee'll show
What's yet behinde, that meete you all should know.

The Scene Vienna.

The names of all the Actors.

Vincencio: the Duke.

Angelo, the Deputie.

Escalus, an ancient Lord.

Claudio, a young Gentleman.

Lucio, a fantasique.

2. Other like Gentlemen.

Prouost.

Thomas. } 2. Priors.

Peter. }

Elbow, a simple Constable.

Froth, a foolish Gentleman.

Clowne.

Abhorson, an Executioner.

Barnardine, a dissolute prisoner.

Isabella, sister to Claudio.

Mariana, betrothed to Angelo.

Iuliet, beloued of Claudio.

Francisca, a Nun.

Mistress Over-don, a Bawd.

FINIS.



The Comedie of Errors

Actus primus, Scena prima.

Enter the Duke of Ephesus, with the Merchant of Siracusa,
Laylor, and other attendants.

Merchant.

Proceed Solinus to procure my fall,
And by the doome of death end woes and all.
Duke. Merchant of Siracusa, plead no more.
I am not partiall to infringe our Lawes;

The enmity and discord which of late
Sprung from the rancorous outrage of your Duke,
To Merchants our well-dealing Countymen,
Who wanting gilders to redeeme their liues,
Haue seal'd his rigorous statutes with their bloods,
Excludes all pittie from our threatening lookes:

For since the mortall and intestine iarrs
Twixt thy seditious Countymen and vs,
It hath in solemne Synodes beene decreed,

Both by the Siracusan and our selues,
To admit no trafficke to our aduerser townes:

Nay more, if any borne at Ephesus
Be seene at any Siracusan Marts and Fayres:

Againe, if any Siracusan borne
Come to the Bay of Ephesus, he dies:

His goods confiscate to the Dukes dispose,
Vnlesse a thousand markes be leuied

To quit the penalty, and to ransom him:
Thy substance, valued at the highest rate,
Cannot amount vnto a hundred Markes,

Therefore by Law thou art condemn'd to die.

Mer. Yet this my comfort, when your words are done,
My woes end likewise with the euening Sonne.

Duk. Well Siracusan; say in briefe the cause
Why thou departedst from thy native home?

And for what cause thou cam'st to Ephesus.

Mer. A heauier taske could not haue beene impos'd,
Then I to speake my griefes vnspeakeable:

Yet that the world may witnesse that my end
Was wrought by nature, not by vile offence,

Ile utter what my sorrow giues me leaue.

In Siracusa was I borne, and wedde
Vnto a woman, happy but for me,

And by me; had not our hap beene bad:
With her I liu'd in ioy, our wealth increast

By prosperous voyages I often made
To Epidaurum, till my factors death,

And he great care of goods at randome left,
Drew me from kinde embracements of my spouse;

From whom my absence was not fixe moneths olde,
Before her selfe (almost at fainting vnder

The pleasing punishment that
Had made prouision for her fo

And soone, and safe, arriued w

There had she not beene long.

A ioyfull mother of two good

And, which was strange, the o

As could not be distinguish'd

That very howre, and in the le

A meane woman was deliuered

Of such a burthen Male, twins

Those, for their parents were e

I bought, and brought vp to a

My wife, not meanelly prouid

Made daily motions for our h

Vnwillling I agreed, alas, too

A league from Epidaurum had

Before the alwaies winde-obe

Gaue any Tragick Instance o

But longer did we not retaine

For what obscured light the h

Did but conuay vnto our feare

A doubtfull warrant of immed

Which though my selfe would

Yet the incessant weepings of

Weeping before for what she l

And pittieous playnings of the

That mourn'd for fashion, igno

Forst me to seeke delays for t

And this it was: (for other me

The Sailors sought for safety b

And left the ship then sinking n

My wife, more carefull for the

Had fastned him vnto a small sh

Such as sea-faring men prouide

To him one of the other twins

Whil' I had bene like heedfu

The children thus dispos'd, my

Fixing our eyes on whom our c

Fasted our selues at eyther end

And floating straight, obedi

Was carried towards Corinth,

At length the sonne gazing vpo

Disperst those vapours that off

And by the benefit of his wif

The seas waxt calme, and we di

Two shippes from farre, makin

Of Corinth that, of Epidauru th

But ere they came, oh let me sa

Gather the sequell by that wen

Duk. Nay forward old ma